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Neutral probe, neutral capture probe, DNA, detection, hybridization, peptide nucleic acid, PNA, methylphosphonate, cationic polymer, conductive polymer, electrostatical, polythiophene, enzyme, alkaline phosphatase, unlabeled, probe array

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